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YOUNTVILLE VETERANS HOME TO CELEBRATE ITS 120TH BIRTHDAY

YOUNTVILLE – March 10, 2004 – The Veterans Home Of California, Yountville invites the public to attend its 120th birthday celebration, its Founders Day Event. This Founders Day celebration will be held in Grant Hall at the Yountville Veterans Home on Thursday, April 1, 2004 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Veterans of the Mexican and Civil Wars' veterans' organization, called The Grand Army of the Republic, founded the Veterans Home of California in Yountville in 1884. The Home provides residential care for aged or disabled veterans with the purpose of improving their health, reducing the incidence and severity of their disabilities, and increasing social interaction in an environment that promotes self-reliance and self-worth. The Yountville Veterans Home offers five levels of care ranging from independent living through acute hospital care.

Since the Home's inception, it has been home to approximately 50,000 veterans. Today it is the largest veterans home in the United States. It is an active and therapeutic community for 1100 veterans who come from a wide range of military ranks and civilian occupations. Current home residents have military service, which spans from the First World War up to the Gulf War of 1992. Since 1900, the Home has been owned and operated by the State of California.

Speakers will include:

- Commander, USN (Ret.), Marcella McCormack, Veterans Home Administrator
- Dr. David Salopek, Chair, Allied Council
- Todd Carlson, Mayor, The Town of Yountville
- Thomas Johnson, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs
- Senator Bill Morrow, Chair, Veterans Affairs Committee

SPECIAL AWARD PRESENTATION: Hall Of Fame Award

The Veterans Home is located off Highway 29 in the Town of Yountville.

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